

REMARKS

The continuing priority application has now issued as a patent. The amendment to the first paragraph now includes the issue date and patent number.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at 612.371.5340 if any further questions or concerns arise.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification

The first paragraph of the specification is amended as follows.

This application is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/404,418, filed September 23, 1999, issued July 3, 2001, as U.S. Patent No. 6,254,631, which application[(s)] is incorporated herein by reference.